

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/27/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 03172005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EDMUND H. LEE
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Catania on 3/17/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the title:

The title has been deleted and replaced with --METHOD FOR CASTING A COVER ON A GOLF BALL PRECUSOR PRODUCT--.

In the specification:

Paragraph 0001, In 3: the phrase --now U.S. Patent No. 6,685,455-- has been inserted after "2001".

In the claims:

CI 1, In 12: the phrase --into the liquid thermosetting polyurethane prepolymer dispensed-- has been inserted after "product".

CI 1, between lines 13 and 14: the phrase --dispensing the liquid thermosetting polyurethane prepolymer in a second mold half, the second mold half

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comprising a body having a wall and a perimeter perpendicular to the wall, the body having an internal hemispherical cavity, the perimeter having a plurality of recesses, each of the plurality of recesses in flow communication with the internal hemispherical cavity, each of the plurality of recesses separated from an adjacent recess by a land area of the perimeter and each of the plurality of recesses having a first end and a second end opposite the first end along a circumference of the internal hemispherical cavity, wherein each of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half oppose land area of the perimeter of the second mold half and each of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half oppose the land area of the perimeter of the first mold half when the first mold half is mated to the second mold half, and each of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half having a first end that overlaps a first end of a recess of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half, and each of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half having a second end that overlaps a second end of a recess of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half when the first mold half is mated to the second mold half;--

CI 1, In 14: the phrase --having the liquid thermosetting polyurethane prepolymer and the golf ball precursor therein-- has been inserted after "first mold half"; the word "a" has been changed to --the--; and the phrase --having the liquid thermosetting polyurethane prepolymer therein-- has been inserted after "second mold half"

CI 1, Ins 14-24: the phrase ", the...hemispherical cavity" has been deleted.

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CI 1, ln 25: the phrase --within the mated first and second mold halves--
has been inserted after "forming".

CI 3, ln 2: the phrase --of the first mold half and the second mold half--
has been inserted after "cavity".

CI 9, ln 1: the phrase "the mold is" has been changed to --the first and
second mold halves are--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record neither teaches nor renders obvious all of the claimed limitations including using a casting mold wherein each of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half oppose land area of the perimeter of the second mold half and each of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half oppose the land area of the perimeter of the first mold half when the first mold half is mated to the second mold half, and each of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half having a first end that overlaps a first end of a recess of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half, and each of the plurality of recesses of the second mold half having a second end that overlaps a second end of a recess of the plurality of recesses of the first mold half when the first mold half is mated to the second mold half.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents illustrate the state of the art: USPN 6597445; USPN 6248974; USPN 5494631; USPN 2787024; USPN 6644948; and USPN 6165049.


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDMUND H. LEE whose telephone number is 571.272.1204. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni can be reached on 571.272.1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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